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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS ON SIZE AND COST SHARING, NEW  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, SLICES XXXI-XXXV (1980-84)

REF: USNATO 07694

WE AGREE IN GENERAL WITH MISSION VIEWS ON PROGRAM SIZE  
AND NATIONAL COST SHARING CONTAINED REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE  
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ARE CONCERNED REPOTENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS (PARA 8 OF REFTEL)  
WHEREBY THE US EFFECTIVE SHARE MIGHT INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY  
BEYOND CURRENT LEVEL OF 21.56 PERCENT. WE MUST, OF COURSE,  
KEEP OUR NATIONAL COST SHARE DOWN. WE EXPECT, AS A MINIMUM,  
THAT CONGRESSIONAL VIEW WILL SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF  
EXISTING US EFFECTIVE COST SHARE. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL,  
THIS COULD BE DIFFICULT AND VEXING PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY

IF IT SHOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NEW  
US SPECIAL PROGRAM.

WE ENVISION NEED TO ADVISE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AT  
LEAST TWICE ON SUBJECT COST SHARING NEGOTIATION:

1. INITIALLY, QUITE EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATION, THE  
CONGRESS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, AND  
THE POSITIONS WE INTEND TO TAKE. WE WILL NEED MISSION REP  
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMITTEE STAFFS. THIS COULD TAKE  
PLACE EITHER PRIOR TO START OF NEGOTIATIONS AT NATO, OR  
LATER, AFTER INITIAL POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES  
BECOME KNOWN. IF WE DELAY BRIEFING THE CONGRESS UNTIL  
SOMEWHAT LATER DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THE NEGOTIATION,  
WHEN INITIAL POSITIONS OF OTHERS--PRESUMABLY WITH  
SOME COUNTRIES OPTING FOR A REDUCTION IN THEIR COST  
SHARE--BECOME KNOWN, THIS COULD CONCEIVABLY STRENGTHEN  
CASE FOR A SLIGHT INCREASE IN US EFFECTIVE COST SHARE.

2. SECONDLY, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES MUST BE ADVISED AND  
GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEW BEFORE FINAL  
AGREEMENT ON NATIONAL COST SHARING AND FINANCIAL CEILING  
IS REACHED.

WE HAVE CONSIDERED WHEN THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME MIGHT  
BE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS. OUR  
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FEELING IS THAT SCHEDULING THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE  
LEFT OPEN FOR THE TIME BEING, PENDING (1) INITIAL  
POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES BEING EXPRESSED IN INFRA-  
STRUCTURE COMMITTEE, AND (2) CONGRESSIONAL CLEARANCE OF  
SOME OF LARGE BACKLOG OF LEGISLATION SCHEDULED FOR  
CONSIDERATION ON THEIR RETURN IN SEPTEMBER. WE ESTIMATE  
A GOOD TIME WOULD BE LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT  
CALENDAR YEAR, DEPENDING PRIMARILY WHEN NATIONAL  
POSITIONS ARE TABLED.

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